

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 224
By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Murphy Tractor Company on celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly should honor those institutions who through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this state; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1947, in Brownsville, Haywood County, John Murphy opened the doors of the Murphy Tractor Company; and

WHEREAS, for the past fifty years, the Murphy Tractor Company has continued to be a huge success; and

WHEREAS, John Murphy started the business following six years as a project engineer in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was the third person to receive a degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy Tractor Company realized a profit in its first year of business and its growth was so substantial that the company had to relocate to Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, the Murphy Tractor Company won the Ford tractor "World Series" competition, and featured John Murphy and farmer Jack Lawrence on the cover of Ford's International publication, *Dearborn*; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy Tractor Company has attracted visitors from all walks of life, from congressmen to actors to country music stars; and

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WHEREAS, John Murphy has been ably assisted by his daughter, Libby, who has brought to the Murphy Tractor Company the same degree of enthusiasm, dedication and acumen that she has brought to all the numerous community and civic affairs to which she has devoted herself; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1997, John Murphy, Libby Murphy and the employees of the Murphy Tractor Company will celebrate 50 years of success; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate this exemplary business; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. John Murphy and the Murphy Tractor Company on their 50th Anniversary, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.